

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 13, "Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements," Iowa Administrative Code.

The Board has begun to adapt its rules because of requests from nontraditionally prepared applicants. In a review of Board rules for out-of-state applicants and the application process for nontraditionally prepared applicants, several changes that needed to be made were identified, including this amendment. This change specifically removes the language regarding teacher preparation at non-Iowa institutions; due to the changes to the exchange license, this language is not needed.

A waiver provision is not included. The Board has adopted a uniform waiver rule.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 282—13.3(272) as follows:

282—13.3(272) Applicants from recognized non-Iowa institutions. An applicant for initial licensure who completes the teacher, administrator, or school service personnel preparation program from a recognized non-Iowa institution shall verify the requirements of either subrule 13.18(4) or 13.18(5).

~~**13.3(1) Non-Iowa teacher preparation program.** Provided all requirements for Iowa licensure have been met, the applicant shall:~~

~~a. —Have the recommendation for the specific license and endorsement(s) from the designated recommending official at the recognized institution where the preparation was completed, and~~

~~b. —Submit a copy of a valid regular teaching certificate or license exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate, and~~

~~c. —Provide verification of successfully passing mandated tests in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed if the applicant has completed fewer than three years of teaching experience.~~

~~13.3(2)~~ **13.3(1)** Requirements for an alternative preparation license for out-of-state candidates. An applicant who holds a valid license from another state and whose preparation was completed through a state-approved alternative teacher preparation program must:

a. Hold a baccalaureate degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale from a regionally accredited institution.

b. Provide a valid out-of-state teaching license based on a state-approved alternative preparation program.

c. Provide a recommendation from a regionally accredited institution, department of education, or a state's standards board indicating the completion of an approved alternative teacher preparation program.

d. Provide an official institutional transcript(s) to be analyzed for the requirements necessary for full Iowa licensure based on 13.9(4) "a"(1) to (7) and 13.9(4) "c"(1) to (5).

e. If the applicant has completed fewer than three years of teaching experience, provide verification from the state licensing agency/department in the state where the alternative preparation program was completed indicating that the applicant has successfully passed that state's mandated tests.

f. Verify three years of teaching experience, which will waive the student teaching requirement.

~~13.3(3)~~ **13.3(2)** A recognized non-Iowa teacher preparation institution is one that is state-approved and is accredited by the regional accrediting agency for the territory in which the institution is located.